GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

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RURAL POSTING FOR DOCTORS
PUSHPDAN SHAMBHUDAN GADHAVI

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether as per the resolution of the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare rural posting for a specific period is to be made compulsory for the doctors before admission to post-graduate courses;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these conditions are being followed;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Government to implement the conditions of the Council of Health and Family Welfare?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a)to(e): No, Sir. The Central Government have not made rural posting compulsory for the doctors before admission to post-graduate courses. However, in pursuance of the Resolution of the 6th Conference of CentralCouncil of Health and Family Welfare, in order to meet the shortage of doctors in rural areas the State/UT Governments have been advised, inter-alia, to reserve 25% of postgraduate seats in Medical Colleges, for in-service candidateswho have worked in rural areas for at least three years with a bond that they will serve the Government for at least five years. The said resolution of the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare is to be implemented by the State/UT Governments as the appointment and postings of doctors is entirely the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations.